

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

09/885,816

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Gerald G Leffers Jr., PhD

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☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed 2/11/2004.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 61-82 (now claims 1-22).

☒ The drawings filed on 22 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.

☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

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☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of

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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/4/2004.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

Gerald G Leffers Jr., PhD
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Kelly Quest on 5/5/2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

Lines 5-8 of page 1 of the instant specification have been deleted and replaced with the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/193,834, filed 11/17/1998 and now abandoned, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/084,949, filed 5/11/1998, and of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/084,194, filed 11/17/1997.--

In the claims:

Claim 68. (currently amended) The method of claim 61, wherein the polynucleotide sequence of step (a) is obtained by PCR amplifying the two different fragments of step (b) with oligonucleotide primers having 5' sequences wherein at least 5 consecutive nucleotides lack

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[lacking] one type of base and wherein the oligonucleotide primers are at least 12 nucleotides in length.

In claim 73, line 5, the word --consecutive-- has been inserted between the number "5" and the word "nucleotides".

In claim 78, the number "73" has been deleted and replaced with the number --77--.

In claim 80, the number "73" has been deleted and replaced with the number --79--.

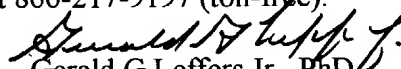
Conclusion

Claims 61-82 are allowed (now claims 1-22).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald G Leffers Jr., PhD whose telephone number is (571) 272-0772. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Remy Yucel can be reached on (571) 272-0781. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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